

Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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Post-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within 30 days of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building.

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In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I make the following disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me. I also certify that I have attached:

- ☒ The **original** *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* (Form RE-1), **AND**
- ☒ A **copy** of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form* with all attachments (itinerary, invitee list, etc.)

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): The Aspen Institute Inc. (Socrates Program) ("AISP")

Travel date(s): May 10 -12, 2019

Name of accompanying family member (if any): _____

Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

IF THE COST OF LODGING **DID NOT INCREASE** DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Expenses for Employee:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount	\$78 for bus	\$236 for two nights (\$118 per night)	\$142 for breakfast, lunch, and dinner for two days (\$71 per day)	\$47 per day for conference room fees (includes meeting facilities, set up/take down, cleaning)

Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable):

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.):

Participated in a Socrates Seminar to discuss leadership, responsible governance,

and the role of Congress at the Aspen Institute's Wye River Campus in Maryland.

5/20/19
(Date)

Oliver Riquelme
(Printed name of traveler)


(Signature of traveler)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER:

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

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(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

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15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

The Aspen Institute organizes numerous educational activities, including briefings, roundtables, forums and conferences for a diverse range of attendees including federal and state policymakers, business and organization leaders, members of the press and the general public. (See attached Appendix.)

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	\$78 for bus	\$236 for two nights (\$118 per night)	\$142 for breakfast, lunch, and dinner for two days (\$71 per day)	\$47 per day for conference room fees (includes meeting facilities, set up/take down, cleaning)

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

B) The trip involves an event that is organized specifically with regard to congressional participation.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

The conference center is close to Washington, DC, which provides for ease of travel for participants and moderator(s).

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

Wye River Conference Center, 600 Aspen Dr, Queenstown, MD 21658

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

The conference center has sufficient meeting space and lodging to support off-the-record, non-partisan exchanges of ideas and professional learning. The Aspen Institute owns the Wye River Conference Center property.

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

Rooms are \$118/ day, which reflects the per diem limit.

Meals are \$71/day, which reflects the per diem limit.

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

Round-trip transportation will be provided by chartered, coach-class bus between Washington D.C. and the conference center.

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

None

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (For trips involving more than one sponsor, you *must* include a completed signature page for each additional sponsor):

Signature of Travel Sponsor: 

Name and Title: Elliot Gerson, Executive Vice President, Policy & Public Program

Name of Organization: The Aspen Institute

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**Appendix to Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form, Aspen Institute
Socrates Program for the Emerging Governance Leaders Seminar, May 10-12,
2019**

Question 12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip (response continued) – The Aspen Institute Socrates Program received general, unrestricted funding from the Democracy Fund to support the Socrates Program. The funding was not earmarked for this trip. Democracy Fund did not play a role in organizing or planning the conference, including, but not limited to the content, agenda, moderators, attendees or other logistics.

Questions 13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to the mission (response continued) –The Socrates Program seeks to provide a forum for emerging leaders from various professions to convene and explore contemporary issues through expert-moderated dialogue. The purpose of the trip is to conduct a non-partisan educational seminar on leadership, responsible governance and the role of Congress that encourages off-the-record, candid exchanges of ideas to support staffers' learning and development.

Question 15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips) (response continued) - Socrates Program organizes seminars every year bringing together a diverse group of professional to explore issues, discuss current topics and encourage dialogue and exchange of ideas.

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#5. Name and titles of Senate invitees. This was an open application process and the following list is of the accepted attendees:

Ms. Elizabeth Coats

Staff Assistant

U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations

Mr. Anthony Mitchell

Legislative Correspondent

Office of Senator Jeff Merkley

Ms. Alaura Ervin

Deputy Legislative Assistant

Office of Senator Tim Scott

Mr. Oliver Riquelme

Legislative Correspondent

Office of Kirsten Gillibrand

Mr. Rachit Choksi

Oversight & Investigations Counsel

U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and

Public Works

Mr. Wilson Shirley

Speech Writer

Office of Senator Roger Wicker



(Moderated by Dr. Colleen Shogan)

May 10-12, 2019

Friday, May 10th

Saturday, May 11th

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- Davidson, Oleszek, Lee, and Schickler. "Institutional Evolution," *Congress and Its Members*
- Nelson Polsby, "Causes of Liberalization: Rise of the Two Party South," and "How Congress Evolves: Overview of the House," *How Congress Evolves*
- Barbara Sinclair, "The New World of U.S. Senators," *Congress Reconsidered*

What Does It Mean to Represent? Mr. Smith versus Charlie Wilson

- "Mr. Smith Goes To Washington" movie clip. 1939
- "Charlie Wilson's War" movie clip. 2007

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Morning Break
River House Break Room

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Working Lunch with Discussion of Seminar Session I
 Conversation will consider the evolution of Congress and what it means to represent constituents and communities.
River House Dining Room

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Seminar Session II: Congress and Its Governance Challenges

River House Main Conference Room

Seminar discussion based on the following texts:

- Davidson Oleszek, Lee, and Schickler. "Congress as Institution," *Congress and Its Members*
- Barbara Sinclair, "Assessing Unorthodox Lawmaking," *Unorthodox Lawmaking*

Resources and Knowledge in Congress

- Kevin Kosar and various authors, "Restoring Congress as the First Branch." R Street Policy Study No. 50
- Colleen Shogan, "The Knowledge Culture of Congress," *Leg Branch Blog*
- Matthew Glassman, "Why Congress Doesn't Always Do The Right Thing." *New York Times*

Technology and Changing Norms of Representation

- Samantha McDonald, "Staff Perspectives on the State of Constituent Correspondence in the U.S. Congress," *Leg Branch Blog*
- Lorelei Kelley and Robert Bjarnason, "Our Modern Congress Doesn't Understand 21st Century Technology," *TechCrunch*, March 6, 2018

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2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

- Afternoon Break
River House Break Room

Historical Tour of Wye

Wye Campus

Working Dinner with Discussion of Seminar Session II

River House Dining Room

Fireside Chat

"Life & Lessons in Congress"

Conversation will cover the personal and professional realities of pursuing a career as a congressional staffer and juxtapose them with the larger implications of representing congress, focusing on how congress's role as the interlocutor of the American people, particularly in the digital age, is evolving, and with it the roles and responsibilities of its staff.

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